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Dear Parents

As you may be aware from the school calendar, the Year 7 Assessments begins on Monday 21 February 2022. All assessments will take place in classrooms and will be approximately 45 minutes long. Students that normally have extra support and access arrangements in class will receive these as their normal way of working in the classroom.

Please find attached a timetable for these assessments, which will also be given to the students so that they are aware of what assessments they have on each day. Please note that, due to the distribution of lessons across the 2-week timetable, some assessments may be held in the following week: this will be made clear on the timetable.

All students will also be provided with advice and guidance on how to prepare for the assessments from their subject teachers both in lessons and on Google Classroom.

These are an important set of assessments for allowing us to see how students are managing the demands of the Year 7 curriculum and the progress they are making. It also allows class teachers to identify any gaps in learning from previous school closures and to plan to address these gaps.

Your support and encouragement in helping your child to be successful in these assessments is appreciated. You can help them by:

- encouraging good sleep habits
- ensuring they eat healthily and get exercise and fresh air
- working with them to set up positive routines with their revision using their knowledge organiser

Pupils will be assessed on content from current and previous Year 7 topics. This content is detailed in your child's knowledge organiser; and any old knowledge organisers from last term can also be used for revision, so please don't throw them away. Examples of how to revise are shown in the front pages of the knowledge organiser, which help pupils to be active in their revision and retrieve information to consolidate their learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Chapman
Assistant Headteacher

